

## The NH Registry for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

# Making Early Identification Count

The NH Registry for ASD requires any physicians, psychologists, or other licensed or certified health care provider who is qualified by training to make a diagnosis of ASD to report the diagnosis, using an online reporting form. The registry for ASD was created in 2008 and only tracks the information necessary to answer the three questions highlighted below.

Note: The below data only reflects numbers reported to the registry by NH providers. Individuals diagnosed by non-NH providers may not be reflected in the registry.

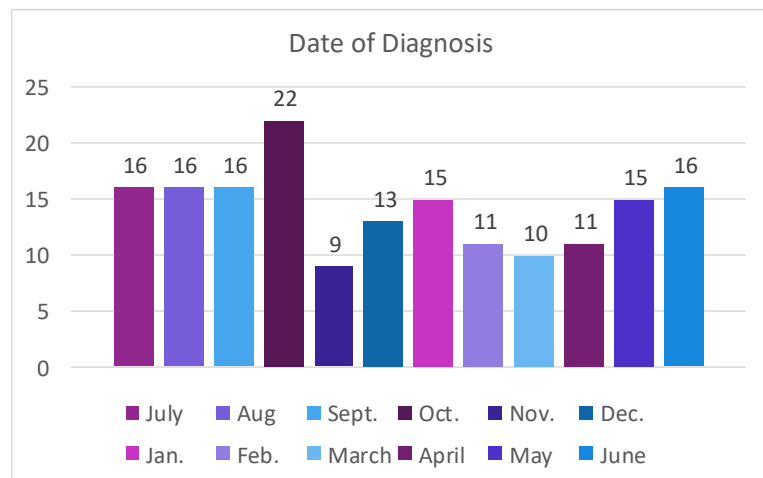
### REPORTING PERIOD - JULY 1, 2018- JUNE 30, 2019

Data provided by the Bureau of Developmental Services

#### *How many individuals are identified on the Registry each year?*

During this reporting period, one hundred seventy (170) NH residents were registered as receiving a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.

Asperger Syndrome	2	1%
Autism Spectrum Disorder	162	95%
Childhood Autism	6	4%
	170	100%



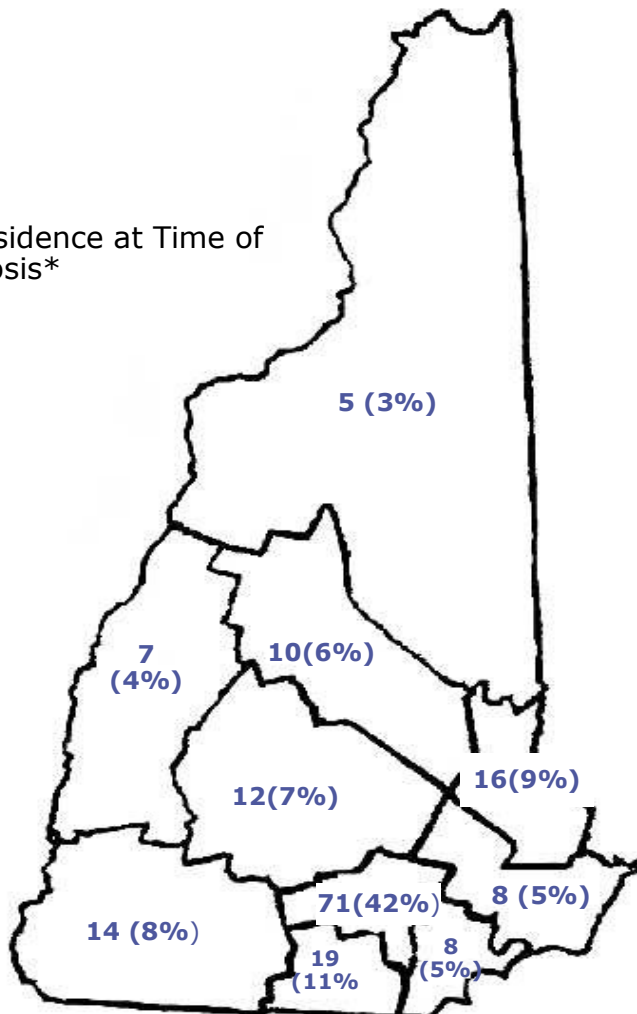
#### *At what age did individual receive a diagnosis?*

Age at diagnosis		
<2	16	9%
2	81	48%
3 to 8	56	33%
9 to 13	11	6%
14 to 18	3	2%
Over 18	3	2%
Grand Total	170	100%

More than half, 57%, of the new ASD diagnoses in NH are for children under the age of three. This number is close to FY18 which had 54%, FY17 showed 50%, and FY16 had 46%.

## What do we know about those being diagnosed with ASD in NH?

NH Residence at Time of Diagnosis\*



Race/Ethnicity	Newly Diagnosed	% of NH Diagnoses
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0%
Asian	10	6%
Black Non Hispanic	6	4%
Hispanic	10	6%
White Non Hispanic	126	74%
Not Reported	16	9%
Other	2	1%
Total	170	100%

## Why is the NH Registry for ASD important?

New Hampshire was the second state in the nation to establish a legislatively mandated, statewide registry for all new diagnoses of autism spectrum disorder. A unique public health initiative, the NH Registry does not only tell us how many children are diagnosed with ASD each year, but how early in life this neurological condition is typically identified in our state. Early screening and intervention help create better outcomes for children with autism. The Registry helps guide public health policy for individuals diagnosed with ASD and their families.

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\* Previous reports for the NH Registry for Autism Spectrum Disorders reported on the NH residence at time of birth. If you are interested in this data, please contact Erika Downie at the above number, or email [Erika.Downie@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:Erika.Downie@dhhs.nh.gov)